

**REMARKS***Introduction*

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for allowing certain claims and indicating that certain dependent claims were allowable, if amended to incorporate the limitations of the claims from which they depended.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1 and 41, which the examiner rejected, and incorporated the limitations of those claims into claims 3 and 53 which the examiner objected to, but considered allowable. Where claims depended from rejected claims 1 and 41, Applicants have amended those claims to depend from amended claims 3 and 53.

In particular, Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 42, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 59, and 60.

Claims 2 — 40 and 42 — 80 are now pending in the application.

There are 7 independent claims: they are claims 3, 7, 16, 18, 21, 53 and 61.

Applicants believe all of the claims, remaining in the application, are now in condition for allowance. All of the remaining claims have either been indicated as being allowed by the examiner or depend from a claim the examiner considered allowable, if certain changes were made, and those changes have been made.

Applicants believe no substantive matter has been added by the amendments contained herein. Applicants believe it will not be a hardship for the examiner to enter the amendments, and that no further searching is required by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments be entered and the application be allowed.

*Drawings*

Applicants would like to thank the examiner for accepting the drawings submitted on November 15, 2004.

1      *Rejection under 35 USC §102 - Motz, US Patent 6,094,860*

5      The examiner has rejected claims 1, 4—6, 8, 10—15, 41—47, 49, 51, 52,  
and 59 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,094,860, granted to Motz et al  
(Motz).

Claim 1 has been cancelled, and the limitations found in claim 1 have  
been incorporated into claim 3.

10      The examiner indicated that claim 3 was allowable. Applicants have  
amended claim 3 to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 from which it depended.  
No new matter is added by this amendment.

15      Claims 2, 4—6, 8, and 10—15 previously depended from claim 1.  
Applicants have changed these claims to depend from claim 3. No new matter is  
added by the amendments.

20      Applicants believe that the dependent claims of amended claim 3 are  
allowable over Motz.

Claim 41 has been cancelled and the limitations of claim 41 incorporated  
into claim 53.

25      The examiner indicated that claim 53 was allowable. Applicants have  
amended claim 53 to incorporate the limitations of claim 41 from which it  
depended. No new matter is added by the amendments.

30      Claim 42 previously depended from claim 41. Applicants have changed  
this claim to depend from claim 53. No new matter is added by the amendments  
to claim 42.

35      Claims 43—46 depend from claim 42. As claim 42 has been amended to  
depend from claim 53, Applicants believe these claims should now be in  
condition for allowance.

1           Claims 47—49 previously depended from claim 41. Applicants have changed these claims to depend from claim 53. No new matter is added by the amendments to claim 47—49.

5           Claims 51, 52 and 59 previously depended from claim 41. Applicants have changed these claims to depend from claim 53. No new matter is added by the amendments to claim 51, 52 and 59.

10           Applicants believe that the dependent claims of amended claim 53 are allowable over Motz.

*Rejection under 35 USC §102 - Visser, US Patent 3,517,514*

15           The examiner has rejected claims 1, 4—6, 8, 13—15, 41—47, 49, 51, 52, and 59 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 3,517,514, granted to Visser (Visser).

          Applicants note that with the exception of claims 10—12, which are missing from this list, these are the same claims that were rejected in light of Motz.

20           Since claims 3 and 53 were not rejected in light of Visser, and all of the rejected claims have been amended to either depend from claim 3 or claim 53, as described above, Applicants believes the rejected claims as amended, are now allowable over Visser.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

25           Applicants would like to thank the examiner for indicating that claims 7, 9, 16—40 and 61—80 are allowed.

30           Applicants would like to thank the examiner for indicating that claims 2, 3, 48, 53—58 and 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the base claim and any intervening claims.

35           Claim 2, as indicated above, has been amended to depend from claim 3 rather than claim 1.

1 Claim 3, as indicated above, has been amended to incorporate the  
limitations of claim 1 from which it depended.

5 Claim 48, as indicated above, has been amended to depend from claim  
53, rather than claim 41.

Claim 53, as indicated above, has been amended to incorporate the  
limitations of claim 1 from which it depended.

10 Claims 54—58 all originally depended from claim 53 and have not been  
amended.

Claim 60 has been amended to depend from claim 53, rather than claim  
41.

15 *Conclusion*

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the claims in the application  
are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that these amendments  
20 be entered so that the application can move to allowance.

Applicants' attorney would be happy to answer any questions the  
examiner may have regarding this application by phone at (510) 832-4111.

25 Respectfully submitted,

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